

REMARKS

Summary

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 27, 2008. In this response, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8-13 are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added. Accordingly, claims 1-13 are pending. Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the Office Action, claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. In lieu of the present Amendment, the rejections of claims 10-13 are believed to be overcome. As such, withdrawal of the claim rejections of claims 10-13 is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over US Patent No. 6,819,443 (Shima) in view of US Patent No. 6,804,019 (Shiohara). Applicant respectfully traverses the above-noted rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) because no *prima facie* case of obviousness has been established. To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. See M.P.E.P. §2413, 8th edition, Rev. 5 (August 2006).

The applied art, namely Shima, is not seen to teach the foregoing features of amended independent claim 1. Specifically, Shima is not seen to teach "a generating unit, arranged in the information processing device, for generating print data representing the configuration information of the network interface device based on the configuration information transmitted from the transmitting unit" (emphasis added), as recited in claim 1.

While Shima may teach generating print data and transferring the print data to a print mechanism (Fig. 3, Col. 4, lines 7-10), Shima's print data is not the "print data representing the configuration information of the network interface device based on the configuration information transmitted from the transmitting unit". In fact, nowhere is Shima seen to teach generating print data of configuration information. Shima's

invention does not concern with printing configuration information of the network interface device.

The other applied art, namely Shiohara, is not seen to remedy the foregoing deficiencies of Shima. In particular, Shiohara also fails to teach "a generating unit, arranged in the information processing device, for generating print data representing the configuration information of the network interface device based on the configuration information transmitted from the transmitting unit" (emphasis added), as recited in claim 1.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Shima and Shiohara, either taken alone or in combination, are not seen to render amended independent claim 1 obvious. Claim 1 is therefore believed allowable. As such, withdrawal of the claim rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested. In addition, amended independent claims 5, 8, 9, 10, and 12 also include substantially similar features as that of claim 1, and are rejected based on the same reasons as claim 1. Hence, claims 5, 8, 9, 10, and 12 are also believed allowable for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner indicate the withdrawal of claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 12.

The other pending claims remaining under consideration in this application are each dependent from independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merit is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this response which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon prior art, should be

considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner may contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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